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SUBJ: ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE

REF: USUN 4886; TEL AVIV 9798

1. USUN HAS SPENT A CONSIDERABLE AMOUNT OF TIME AND EFFORT OPPOSING THE PROPOSAL TO INCREASE PERMANENT STAFF OF PALESTINIAN RIGHTS COMMITTEE. AS DEPARTMENT WILL RECALL, WE DISCOVERED PROPOSED INCREASE VERY EARLY WHEN IT WAS UNDER DISCUSSION BY LITERALLY ONLY A HANDFUL OF SECRETARIAT AND COMMITTEE OFFICERS (USUN 4064).

2. INITIAL PROPOSED WAS TO CREATE CENTER FOR PALESTINIAN RIGHTS. PROPOSED STAFF FOR CENTER WOULD HAVE NUMBERED FIVE PROFESSIONALS AND TWO OR THREE SECRETARIES. ACCORDING TO SECRETARIAT OFFICIAL THAT WOULD HAVE ONLY BEEN THE BEGINNING (REFTEL PARA 2). THERE IS NO QUESTION IF THIS PROPOSAL HAD BEEN PUT IN FINAL FORM AND VOTED ON IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY, IT WOULD HAVE PASSED BY LARGE MARGIN. WE MAY HAVE CONTRIBUTED IN SOME SMALL PART TO CENTER PROPOSAL BEING DROPPED IN FAVOR OF MODEST INCREASE IN STAFF OF COMMITTEE IN FORM OF UNIT UNDER SECRETARIAT CONTROL (USUN 4799 PARA 3).

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3. WE ARE NOW FACED WITH RES INCREASING PERMANENT STAFF OF COMMITTEE WHICH HAS SYMPATHY IN EC-9 GROUP (USUN 4777). E WILL CONTINUE EFFORTS TO BLOCK SIMILARLY THIS RES, BUT DEPARTMENT SHOULD BE AWARE THAT DELEGATE SUCH AS RAMESH MULYE (INDIA) WHO WITH INDIAN AMBASSADOR JAIPAL HAVE BEEN HELPFUL IN THIS MATTER COMMENTED TO US,

"IT IS NO GOOD TO HELP YOU. YOU ARE NEVER SATISFIED.
NOW THAT THE CENTER PROPOSAL HAS BEEN SIDE-TRACKED,
YOU WANT TO DENY THE COMMITTEE ANY STAFF AT ALL."
(FOR THE RECORD, OUR RESPONSE TO MULYE'S COMPLAINT WAS
THAT WE HAVE BEEN OPPOSED TO AN INCREASE IN THE COMMITTEE'S
STAFF IN ANY FORM FROM THE BEGINNING). WE SHALL CONTINUE
TO WORK AGAINST RES PROPOSING ADDITIONAL STAFF FOR COMMITTEE,
BUT AS DEPARTMENT AWARE OF OUR CHANCES WERE "SLIGHT"
FOR GETTING CENTER BLOCKED, THEY ARE EVEN LESS SO FOR
GETTING COMMITTEE STAFF INCREASE STOPPED.

4. TEL AVIV MAY FIND IT HELPFUL TO MAKE CLEAR TO OFFICERS
IN ISRAELI FON MIN WHAT HAS ALREADY BEEN AVERTED (PARA 2
REFTEL) AND TO ASSURE THEM THAT IN COOPERATION WITH ISRAELI
DEL WE WILL DO BEST WE CAN TO BLOCK, DELAY OR MINIMIZE
ANY INCREASE IN COMMITTEE'S PERMANENT STAFF.
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